

TRIBUTE TO ESSAY WINNER, MR.  
SEAN DOHERTY

### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, every year in my district, I ask students in grades 8th and 12th to participate in an essay contest. This year's contest focused on the issue of protecting our nation from terrorism.

I am pleased that so many students chose to enter this essay contest. Unfortunately, however, there can only be one winner in each group: 8th grade and 12th grade. This year's 8th grade winner was Sean Doherty from Elmhurst, Illinois. He attends St. Charles Borromeo School in Bensenville, Illinois. The 12th grade winner was Katie Horton from Addison Trail High School. She lives in Addison, Illinois.

This is Mr. Sean Doherty's essay, entitled: "How does the Homeland Security Agency protect us from Terrorism?" is as follows:

The Homeland Security Agency (HSA) is a government agency responsible for tracking down those responsible for terrorism against the United States of America. It is part of The Department of Homeland Security. It works closely with the FBI, CIA, and other agencies to track down terrorists and those who are planning an act of terrorism, before they can commit such an act.

Those responsible for the vast majority of terrorism against the United States are Muslim terrorists who operate in cells around the world. They seek to destroy us because of our basic freedoms such as freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion. They will stop at nothing to destroy us; death is no border to them. To them, death is when they will be rewarded. This can be seen by the frequent homicide bomber attacks that occur.

The HSA uses wiretaps, satellite imaging, email monitoring, and various other methods to track down terrorists. The terrorists use every tool at their disposal to evade capture and kill innocent Americans, so the NSA should and must use every tool at their disposal to stop terrorists before they can attack.

At airports, the HSA uses metal detectors, bomb sniffing dogs, cameras, and physical searches of bags and passengers to make sure our airlines are safe. One machine, the Chemical Trace Examination (CTex) machine can even detect explosives by their density. At ports, containers are scanned with x-rays and gieser counters to make sure nothing that can be used for a terrorist attack is transported into the country. Also, some containers are even searched physically.

The PATRIOT Act is a piece of legislation that was passed after September 11, 2001. It is designed to help the HSA track down terrorists. It makes small changes to already existing laws so that the process of hunting down a terrorist cell is streamlined. For example, the PATRIOT Act allows the HSA to wiretap or monitor a suspected terrorist without a court warrant. If a court warrant were required, the terrorist could be tipped off and destroy evidence or flee the country.

In order to reduce terrorism, we need to stay in Iraq and Afghanistan. If we stay there, we can start to spread more moderate feelings about western culture throughout the region. The people of those countries already show their gratitude to the United States for bringing democracy to their coun-

tries, now imagine if the whole Middle East was democratic and freedom of speech and religion were commonplace throughout. The world would be a better, safer place.

Another additional precaution we need to take is to secure our borders. We need more border patrol agents and more Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and sensors on the northern and southern borders. If we do these things, the risk of terrorism both at home and abroad will be significantly lowered.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF SOLDIER COLBY FARNAN

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Army Spec. Colby Farnan of Weston, Missouri, who passed away in Taji, Iraq while in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a son, brother, and friend Colby is missed by many.

Colby was a strong member of our community. He was active in various high school sports, where he nurtured the leadership skills and sense of teamwork that so many people came to admire. His service as a coach in the youth baseball league was just one example of his desire for wanting to help our community. Colby's service to our country was an extension of his support of the community and a commitment to making a better future for us all.

I offer my condolences and support to the many people that Colby had an impact on. In the wake of their loss, the Farnan family has embarked on a campaign to honor our fine men and women who have perished in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The family and community of Weston, Missouri are raising money to provide communities with Battlefield Cross statues to remember the lives of the fine Americans that gave their life for their country.

The lives of all our soldiers are remembered everyday and the efforts by the Farnan family and friends can be appreciated all Americans. I am exceptionally proud of our troops, their families, and their communities in their support of one another. All of Northwest Missouri and America should follow the example that is being set by the people of Weston, Missouri in their 5K Walk to Remember fundraiser and support of our troops.

### IN HONOR OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROGER P. ROY

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to State Representative Roger P. Roy, who after 30 years of service has chosen not to seek another term in the State House of Representatives. This extraordinary man is undoubtedly a valuable asset to the State of Delaware and a friend to all. He has been described as not only a compassionate and accomplished citizen, but also an admirable

leader. An enduring professional representing his beloved Limestone Hills-area district, he truly is a distinguished Delawarean.

In addition to serving his district, he serves as the Chairman of the influential State Bond Bill Committee, where his leadership has been instrumental in the Committee's sound financial management, earning Delaware's bonds the highest rating. Representative Roy has also worked to protect Delawareans, authoring the State's version of Megan's Law and sponsoring legislation that requires registered sex offenders to have their status indicated with a designation on their driver's license. Currently serving as the Executive Director of the Transportation Management Association of Delaware, he has worked to bring innovative transportation solutions to the State.

As his 15 consecutive terms in office acutely demonstrate, he is well recognized and respected by his constituents and colleagues. He actively participates in the community through sponsorship of youth athletic teams, American Legion Post #29, and by serving on the Board of Directors of the Central YMCA and the Mid-County Senior Center.

I congratulate State Representative Roger P. Roy for his years of remarkable service and countless contributions to the State. I am sure that as he begins to spend more time with his wife, Paula, their two daughters, Michele and Tanya, and their grandchildren, he will remain an integral member of the community. I would like to thank him for the many contributions he has made to the State of Delaware.

### TRIBUTE TO JEAN DIEHL FOR HER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Jean Diehl for her more than 30 years of dedicated volunteer service with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, where she has served as a major community force in establishing and developing the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum. Jean's enthusiasm and deep love of the Tinicum Marsh has provided decades of consistent strength and leadership through the Concerned Area Residents for Preservation of the Tinicum Marsh (CARP) and later the Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR), ensuring that future generations of Americans will be able to enjoy and learn from the treasurers of our Nation's natural heritage protected through our National Wildlife Refuge System. I was pleased to work with Jean and others to make the dreams of this unique National Wildlife Refuge a reality, promoting conservation and a cleaner, healthier environment for both wildlife and the citizens of the greater Philadelphia region.

The history of Tinicum Marsh, the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetland in Pennsylvania, goes back to the first settlements in the region in 1634. Swedes, Dutch and English diked and drained parts of the marsh for grazing. At that time, the tidal marshes measured over 5,700 acres. The rapid urbanization since